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25 March 1957

MEMORANDUM FOR: Project Director

SUBJECT: Question of Overflight at KAPUSTIN YAR

1. National Security Agency has come in with a memorandum, which is attached as Tab A [] 8 March 1957), calling attention to considerations which it believes should be taken into account before KAPUSTIN YAR is overflown. This paper has been distributed to the principal interested members of the Ad Hoc Requirements Committee who have responded in writing as indicated in the Army memorandum, Tab B [] 25 March 1957), in which the Navy and Air Force informally concur, and the special additional view of OSI is set forth as Tab C [] 21 March 1957).

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2. These papers are presented to you in order that you may have the full benefit of the views of the agencies. The Ad Hoc Requirements Committee members remain unshaken in their conviction, as stated in the justification paper, that KAPUSTIN YAR should be the top priority target when penetration flights may be resumed. I think should such come to pass, however, our discussion reveals that a prompt and careful study of the various aspects of the problem should be reviewed before additional KAPUSTIN YAR overflights are undertaken in order to evaluate the product and the reactions.

JAMES Q. REBER

Chairman

Ad Hoc Requirements Committee

Attachments



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1-Project Director

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NSA review(s) completed.

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